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LOOKS LIKE POLITICS.

The action of the Town Council in taking favorable steps toward creating another fire company is incomprehensible to many citizens. It is difficult to understand how members of the Council, knowing as they do that the town is overburdened with taxes should countenance an action that must inevitably increase the tax rate. The creation of Montgomery Hose Company No. 4 was such a step. Councilman Farrand, the sponsor of this unpopular act on the part of the Council in his prospectus of the new company, makes it appear that the maintenance of the company will be but trifling. No one knows better than Mr. Farrand that such statements are misleading, and are merely a subterfuge to get the new company launched. The fact is Montgomery Hose Company No. 4 is more a political necessity than a fire protection, and Mr. Farrand is the man who will be the political beneficiary. It is not to be supposed for moment that the members of Montgomery Hose Company No. 4 will be content long to be in an inferior position to the older companies, either in equipment or headquarters, and that means the expenditure of several thousand dollars in the very near future.

There is no necessity for a fire company in what is called the Montgomery district. If former Councilmen made a mistake in the location of the existing fire companies so that an equitable distribution of the fire protective service is not afforded, that mistake should not be continued and further aggravated by the creation of more fire companies as a remedy. If the Council is sincere in its professed zeal in the matter of fire protection, efforts in that direction will prove of more practical benefit by devoting attention and concentrating energies in the improvement and enlargement of the efficiency of the present companies. If the Council is going to adopt Mr. Farrand's policy of extending fire protection by establishing more fire companies, Brookdale, and not Montgomery district, has the first claim on the Council's attention. Perhaps if some aspiring politician from Brookdale gets into the Council he will take advantage of Mr. Farrand's precedent and strengthen himself politically by securing a fire company for his district.

Mr. Farrand's course in attempting to impose the burden of another fire company on the taxpayers is unwise and is only explainable upon political grounds. It is a matter of surprise that other members of the Council do not take a firm stand in opposition to the scheme. Other members of the Council have personal political interests at stake in the same degree that Mr. Farrand has. The majority of people throughout the town no doubt look unfavorably upon any increase in the number of fire companies, and while Mr. Farrand may benefit politically in his particular district by the location of the new company there, other members of the Council will suffer politically for failure to exercise their better judgment in opposition to the scheme. The tax payer's interest is the one that should be uppermost in the mind of every Councilman and should govern all Councilmanic action. It is obvious that the general interest of tax payers was but lightly regarded, if not disregarded entirely, when the Council permitted Mr. Farrand to obtain a conditional recognition of his new hose company in his district. It is ridiculous for members of the Council to deplore the high tax rate and then turn round and inconsistently act along lines that must increase, rather than decrease taxes.

The establishment of this new fire company is still in a conditional stage. The Council has not yet passed upon an appropriation for its maintenance or officially recognized its membership. It is still within the power of the Council to prevent the placing of this additional burden of taxation upon the tax payer, and it is the duty of the Council to do so.

Water Company Notified.

At the adjourned meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday night Councilman Harrison, Chairman of Water Committee, made a motion, which was adopted, to the effect that the Town Clerk send official notice to the Orange Water Company of the result of the special election held in this town on Tuesday, November 10.

The Late Flood, Politics, Etc.

I've bin told that the konsekvens of the vote on the water question will be another flood that is sure to carry the hole town of Bloomfield (except the old library bldg) down to Newark. Now I don't see how a town election can make such a big body of water, nor where it is to run to, but a good many things do happen that nobody but nobo peopel ever thought of; so I think it would be a good thing to be prepared for the flood when it comes; and for all who don't want to be swamped, to pick up their property and go somewhere else. I don't know where the flood goes, unless to Gienure or Montville, settles up the old differences and kibb together again. Somebody said that when lovers fall out and make it up the love twice as much as before; if that won't work, I would recommend the building of a grate-bag dam and turn the water into the Morris Canal; in that way we could divert the flood and let Newark have the water.

Just here my kuzzen Enoch looked over my shoulder and asked me what kind of nonsense I was writing about floods, movin' stately. Why, sez I, don't you see I'm ritin' metyprickly; that's too big a word fur me, sez he; hadden you better ride plane english? So I just up and told him that by water I meant public sentyment, and I kalled it water because it is so restitable; do you mean to tell me that peopel change their minds so easily? You needent go no further than New York for an answer.

Now I'll go back to where I begun, and rite about another flood. I've noticed that peopel dont bother themselves much who are put up fur offices in this town, but leave the hole business to a few polythubs. Now this way of doing things may turn out all rite when there are no matters of konsekvens to be settled, but these sta at home folks are just the wunz to fine the most fail when things go rong. Now from what I observe in the politikal wether Indiekabunc, it appears to me there is a big kloof gatherin, which when it brakes will make a flood that will karry all before it.

More at presence. Yours to command,

EWOCO OLDBOY.

Berkeley Neighborhood Club.

The Berkeley School Neighborhood Club held its first meeting of the current season Thursday night in the school assembly room. It was a largely attended and enjoyable affair. The President of the Club (Samuel Eiler) presided. The exercises opened with a piano solo by Miss Osborne. A wand drill by a group of girls of the eighth grade was a pleasing feature of the entertainment, and the graceful evolutions of those participating elicited the applause of the spectators.

Hazel Davis, a juvenile elocutionist of great promise, made a pleasing impression by her recital of the story of "Orphan Annie." She responded to encores.

Mr. Frederic R. Pisch rendered two vocal solos, which were well received.

An amusing and delightful performance was entitled "The Little Puritan Mother," portrayed by a large number of little girls costumed in Puritan style, and each carrying a large doll. The motherly manners of the little ones created much laughter.

The evening's programme concluded with an illustrated lecture about a trip through the Holy Land, by Rev. George L. Curtis of the First Presbyterian Church. The pictures shown were taken by Mr. Curtis and members of his party in a recent trip through Palestine. The lecturer gave a brief and lucid explanation of each picture, and the audience was highly pleased with the pictures and the talk.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the class-rooms in the school were opened and an opportunity was given to the parents of the school pupils to meet their children's teachers. Miss Martin, the principal of the school, and her corps of teachers were congratulated over the pleasing success of the entertainment.

Dispute over Charters

Some former employees of the Fabri-kane factory in this town organized a local branch of the Buriap Workers' Union and obtained recognition from the American Federation of Labor, and procured a charter from that organization. The men employed in the factory were opposed to some of the men who organized the local union that was recognized by the American Federation and took steps towards organizing a new local, and on Tuesday night appealed to the Federated Trades Council for recognition by that body, and asked that the original charter be revoked and a new one issued. The Orange Council refused to do that, and the matter rests there. The men who are in the factory, it is claimed, do not want to be members of a local union that will be under the direction of men not employed in the factory.

Beyer-Wilhelm.

Herman Beyer and Miss Veronica Wilhelm, both of this town, were married on Sunday, the 15th inst., by the Rev. A. H. Steininger of St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer are residents of Main street.

Banjo and Violin Instruction.

Mrs. and Miss Harding, instructions on banjo, violin, mandolin and guitar in Bloomfield, Monday and Friday of each week. For particulars address Harding Studio, 147 West 84th street, New York city.—Add.

Sunday-School Anniversary.

The fifty-first anniversary of the organization of the Park M. E. Church Sunday-school was celebrated on Sunday evening last. There was a large attendance, and an interesting programme of exercises was carried out. Those who delivered addresses were Joseph W. Snedeker, Frederick H. Carl, S. Langdon Hubbell, George Sammis and Henry W. Clark. Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff and Mrs. Woodruff also spoke.

Charles Clark, the secretary of the school, among other things said: "In numbers we are slowly and steadily increasing. Our increase would be greater if we had more faithful and earnest teachers, the lack of which weighs heavily on the heart of our superintendent. Our enrolment to-day in the primary department is fifty-four, and in the main school 197, a total of 251. Last year the total was 210. The home department, which began with the new year, now numbers 126, which, with the cradle roll of twenty-four, makes our total membership 401. Although this shows a healthy increase, it should be much larger."

Appreciate The "Citizen."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: As a "detective," the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN is all right. When the door-bell of my house rang last Saturday night I did not expect to see a gentleman with the CITIZEN in one hand and my watch in the other; yet that is what greeted me. Mr. Frederick Keyler found the watch on the steps of the car the night it was lost, and he was good enough to return it. He does not think my surmise is correct about the young man who was masked being a pickpocket, and I sincerely hope that he was not.

Thanking you heartily for the publication of my letter last Saturday, which led to the recovery of my watch, and wishing you an abundant success, I am,

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM C. SIMMONS,
85 Baldwin street, Glen Ridge.

Bishop Limes Here.

Right Reverend Dr. Edwin Steven Limes, the new Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, who was consecrated to that office with an impressive service in Grace Church, Newark, Wednesday, was the guest of Rev. Edwin A. White, rector of Christ Church, this town, on Thursday and Friday nights of this week. On Thursday evening the Bishop met the members and vestrymen of Christ Church at the rector's house. Yesterday he attended the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Newark Diocese, which was held in Christ Church, and was largely attended by women actively interested in the church from all parts of the county.

Yesterday afternoon the Bishop gave a public reception in the parish house of Christ Church, and a number of citizens of the town enjoyed the pleasure of meeting him.

PATENTS ISSUED.

Patents issued to Jerseymen and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., solicitors of patents, corner Broad and Market Streets, Newark, N. J.:

Claep, G. B. Adams, Irvington: eyeglasses, E. W. Bancroft, Passaic: coupling (two patents), R. M. Dixon, East Orange: trunk lock, Gustav Goerk, Newark: apparatus for manufacturing photographic cylinders, A. Haug, West Orange: musical instrument, H. E. Hibsham, Newark: match-box, C. Herring, Newark: device for cleaning flammes, J. W. Howell, Newark: spring band, R. C. Kising and A. Coe, Newark: car-brake, John B. Lau, Newark: change receiver, W. Sinclair, Jersey City: set off motion, W. W. Uhlinger, Paterson: boom, E. Vahie, West Hoboken: phonographic recorder and reproducer (two patents), P. Weber, West Orange: top, G. Wilken, Englewood: trunk, W. B. Worth, Jersey City.

Designs—Back for mirror, W. Turton, Arlington.

Trade-marks—Razors, Bunker & Clark, Newark: cigars, Havana Commercial Co., Jersey City.

Prints—"Hot Stuff" (for coal) J. F. Glutting, Newark.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER CONNECTIONS.

The Local Board of Health of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, by virtue of the powers of said Board of Health, by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "An Act concerning the enforcement of the health code and ordinances and regulations of the local boards of health of cities, towns, townships, or other municipalities in which public sewers are now or hereafter may be constructed," approved May 12, 1896, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the Local Board of Health in the Town of Bloomfield shall deem it advisable for the public health, they may require the owner or owners of any dwelling house or building used for domestic or business purposes, in the said town of Bloomfield along the line of any public sewer, to connect such dwelling house or other building under aforesaid with such public sewer.

Section 2. If the owner or owners of any dwelling house or other building used for domestic or business purposes shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the requirements and orders of the Board of Health of Bloomfield and the terms of this ordinance within thirty days after the notification by the Board of Health of the town of Bloomfield to make such connection or connections by the Board in writing, such owner or owners or other persons and officers of said Board, in writing, shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and an additional fine of ten dollars for each day every day after the thirtieth day in which the provisions of this ordinance are in force, and the requirements of such notice shall not be complied with.

Ordinance adopted November 19, 1903.

EDWIN M. WARD,
President.

Attest:

W. L. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANITARY SEWER ON GROVE STREET.

Objections, in writing, to the work done, or materials used in the construction of said sewer must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, December 7, 1903, at 8 o'clock A. M. At such time the Town Council will meet in the Council Chamber, in the Bloomfield National Bank Building, Broad street, Bloomfield, N. J., to consider such objections.

By order of the Town Council.

W. L. JOHNSON,
Town Clerk.

Annexation.

A well-known Newark man, who is well up in Democratic party affairs in the city and county, recently expressed the opinion that he did not believe the people of the city of Newark wanted the town of Bloomfield annexed to the city. One reason was that the city would gain no material advantage from the annexation of this town, and a more potent reason was that the people of Bloomfield would expect a greater proportion of city money expended within the annexed district than would be paid into the city treasury by the district. In the first place, the number of public schools within a circumscribed limit in Bloomfield is far beyond any portion of the city of similar size, and the people of Bloomfield would expect all the schools to be maintained and the teachers paid city salaries. In the second place, Bloomfield at present maintains a rural fire department in a primitive way at a comparatively small cost. With annexation would follow an inevitable demand for fire-engines and fire-houses with paid firemen, at a cost to the city of over five times the amount now paid by Bloomfield for the maintenance of its fire department.

Thirdly, Bloomfield is decidedly rural in its police department, and Newark could not begin to police the annexed territory at anywhere near the low cost with which it is now done by the town government. With annexation the people of Bloomfield would expect and demand a precinct station-house.

These things above mentioned are only three of a long list of governmental items that would result in an increased burden of expense to the city from annexation. The citizens of Newark are well aware that annexation sentiment in Bloomfield is due to general confession of inability to keep up in the proportion with East Orange and Montclair, and it is anticipated that the city of Newark can and will pay for many things that the people of the town want, but do not feel able to afford.

With this perfect knowledge of the situation many people in the city would oppose annexation, and a popular vote in Newark would defeat it.

Street Railway Changes.

With the general shaking up in the departments of the Public Service Corporation within the last few days a number of changes have been made in the management of the Orange and Passaic Valley Traction Company.

John A. Campion, Superintendent of the Orange and Passaic Valley line, has been retired, and his work will be done by the superintendent of the car-house in Roselle. Mr. Campion succeeded John A. Ely as superintendent of the road shortly after the organization of Public Service.

James S. Bennett of No. 104 Coce street, Orange, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the road, and will be in direct charge. Mr. Bennett has been a motorman on the road for the past decade, and is thoroughly familiar with the condition of the road. As a motorman he has proved himself thoroughly capable.

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